

KILL ME - KILL ME NOT

“We have heard neither hide nor hair of him since about December [2001] in terms of anything hard.”

Donald H. Rumsfeld | April 2002

Al-Jazeera news released a dossier ¹ from the Abbottabad Commission members as a research investigation into Osama bin Laden’s suspected assassination by U.S. Special Forces in May 2011. The 337 page dossier goes into a thorough and detailed account by reporting various witness statements, including interviews with officials, and investigating the surrounding complex which bin Laden was suspected to be residing at. The dossier context does not directly mention bin Laden was killed; it does however state that the body “was not found” on May 2011. (Figure 1)

► Figure 1: Al-Jazeera bin Laden Dossier

1- On the night of May 1-2, 2011 US Special Forces executed a covert special operations mission in Abbottabad, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) province, Pakistan, which reportedly resulted in the killing of the Al-Qaeda leader and long time international fugitive, Osama bin Laden (OBL) around 0100 hours. The body of OBL was not found. Apart from OBL, the US mission killed his son and three other persons including a woman who were Pakistani citizens. In addition, the killers wounded an Arab lady who said she was a wife of OBL. The mission, code-named “Operation Neptune Spear” was launched from Jalalabad in Afghanistan. The two Pakistani males killed were brothers who worked as security guards-cum-facilitators-cum-couriers for OBL and Al-Qaeda. The slain Pakistani lady was the wife of one of the slain brothers.

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¹ Website “documentcloud.org” release “Al-Jazeera Bin Laden dossier.” Accessed 2013.
<https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/724833-aljazeera-bin-laden-dossier.html>.
 Website Al-Jazeera published in depth Bin Laden files. Accessed 2013.
<http://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/spotlight/binladenfiles/2013/07/201378143927822246.html>

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CHRONOLOGY OF BIN LADEN’S DEATHS

2001 summer

Osama bin Laden was suspected to have been transferred to Dubai in the summer of 2001 for 10 days to undergo a treatment at an American hospital, where he was supposed to have been visited by the local CIA agency, according to the French newspaper *Le Figaro*, a media corporation owned by the Carlyle Group, a “well-connected Washington merchant bank specializing in buyouts of defense and aerospace companies.”^{3,4} (Figure 2)

2001 November

The FBI’s Website of “Most Wanted” (Figure 3) claimed bin Laden DECEASED as early as November 2001, practically one month prior to international reports circulating the same information. As soon as the FBI announced in November 2001 that bin Laden was “deceased,” various reports began to circulate telling the public the opposite; even accounts of a failed operation to kill the terrorist leader began to surface: “The Special Activities Division and the Special Operations Group (SAD/SOG) in cooperation with the U.S. Army’s Delta Force tracked down Usama bin Laden in the rugged mountains near the Khyber Pass in Afghanistan. Former CIA Station Chief Gary Berntsen, as well as a subsequent Senate investigation, claimed that the combined American Special Operations Task Force was largely outnumbered by al-Qa’ida forces and that they were denied additional U.S. troops by higher command. The Task Force requested munitions to block the avenues of egress of bin Laden, but that request was also denied. The team allegedly uncovered evidence in the subsequent site exploration that bin Laden’s ultimate aim was to obtain and detonate a nuclear device in a terrorist attack. According to other press reports, the Special Activities Division were ineffectual and


² <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/USCODE-2010-title17/html/USCODE-2010-title17-chap1-sec107.htm>

³ The *Wall Street Journal*, September 27, 2001. Accessed 2013.

⁴ On March 26, 2002, the Carlyle Group announced its “first exit from its €1billion European buyout fund, Carlyle Europe Partners,” and made an “agreement through which Socpresse will acquire all of the shares and convertible bonds owned in *Le Figaro* by Carlyle since July 1999. As a result of this transaction, Socpresse will own 100% of *Le Figaro*. Jean-Pierre Millet, managing director of the Carlyle Group, said: ‘This transaction marks the conclusion of the partnership between Carlyle and Socpresse which was initiated in 1999 in order to assist Socpresse with the restructuring of its balance sheet. Carlyle is pleased with its relationship with *Le Figaro* management team which demonstrated great talent in leading one of the finest publications of the French press.’” (a) <http://www.carlyle.com/news-room/news-release-archive/carlyle-group-sells-its-stake-le-figaro-socpresse>; (b) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Le_Figaro

bin Laden and bodyguards walked unmolested out of Tora Bora and disappeared into Pakistan's unregulated tribal area.”⁵

► **Figure 2:** Le Figaro's article on bin Laden hospitalized and visited by the CIA



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Le Figaro, n° 17799
Mercredi 31 octobre 2001, p. 1-5

UNE

Gravement malade, l'ennemi public numéro un a séjourné à l'hôpital américain de l'émirat au début de l'été
Juillet 2001 : Ben Laden rencontre la CIA à Dubaï

Atteint d'une maladie rénale, Oussama ben Laden a séjourné du 4 au 14 juillet dernier à l'hôpital américain de Dubaï, où il aurait rencontré un responsable de la CIA, selon un témoin, partenaire professionnel de la direction administrative de l'hôpital.

En provenance de l'aéroport de Quetta, au Pakistan, celui qui est devenu depuis les attentats du 11 septembre l'ennemi public numéro un a été immédiatement transféré dès son arrivée à l'aéroport de Dubaï. Il était accompagné de son médecin personnel et fidèle lieutenant qui pourrait être l'Égyptien Ayman al-Zawahari, de quatre gardes du corps, ainsi que d'un infirmier algérien.

En mars 2000 déjà, l'hebdomadaire Asia Week, publié à Hongkong, s'inquiétait de la santé de Ben Laden, faisant état d'un grave problème physique précisant que ses jours étaient en danger à cause d'une « infection rénale qui se propage au foie et nécessite des soins spécialisés ». Selon des sources autorisées, Ben Laden se serait fait livrer, au cours du premier semestre 2000, un matériel mobile de dialyse dans son repaire afghan de Kandahar.

Le déplacement sanitaire à Dubaï n'était pas le premier, poursuivent nos sources. Entre 1996 et 1998, Oussama ben Laden s'y était rendu plusieurs fois pour ses affaires. Durant son hospitalisation, en juillet, il reçoit la visite du représentant local de la CIA. Celui-ci sera rappelé à Washington le 15 juillet, au lendemain du départ de Ben Laden pour Quetta.

Quinze jours plus tard, les douaniers émiratis arrêtent à l'aéroport de Dubaï un activiste islamiste franco-algérien, Djamel Beghal. Les autorités françaises et américaines sont alertées. Interrogé à Abu Dhabi, Beghal raconte qu'il a été convoqué en Afghanistan fin 2000 par Abou Zoubaida un responsable militaire de l'organisation de Ben Laden Al Qaida. La mission de Beghal : faire sauter l'ambassade des Etats-Unis à Paris.

Selon des sources diplomatiques arabes et les services de renseignements français, des informations très précises ont été communiquées à la CIA concernant des attaques terroristes visant les intérêts américains dans le monde. Un rapport de la DST du 7 septembre rassemble ces données précisant que l'ordre d'agir devait venir d'Afghanistan.

En août, à l'ambassade des Etats-Unis à Paris, une réunion d'urgence est convoquée avec la DGSE et les plus hauts responsables des services américains. Extrêmement inquiets, ces derniers présentent à leurs homologues français des demandes de renseignements très précises concernant des activistes algériens, sans toutefois s'expliquer sur le sens général de leur démarche. A la question « que craignez-vous dans les jours qui viennent ? », les Américains opposent un mutisme difficilement compréhensible.

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Wednesday, October 31, 2001, p. 1-5

A

Gravely ill, public enemy number one stayed at the American hospital in the emirate in early summer
July 2001: Bin Laden met CIA in Dubai

Suffering from kidney disease, Osama bin Laden stayed from 4 to 14 July last in the American hospital in Dubai where he met a CIA official, according to one witness, a professional partner of the administrative management of the hospital .

From the airport in Quetta, Pakistan, who has become since the attacks of Sept. 11 public enemy number one was transferred immediately upon arrival at Dubai airport. He was accompanied by his personal physician and faithful lieutenant, who could be the Egyptian Ayman al-Zawahari, four bodyguards and an Algerian nurse.

In March 2000 already, the weekly Asia Week published in Hong Kong was concerned about the health of bin Laden, citing a serious physical problem stating that his life was in danger because of a "kidney infection which spread to the liver and requires specialized care. " According to authorized sources, bin Laden would have been delivered during the first half of 2000, a mobile dialysis equipment in his hideout in Kandahar Afghanistan.

Moving to Dubai health was not the first, continuing our sources. Between 1996 and 1998, Osama bin Laden had been there several times for his business. During his hospitalization in July, he received a visit from the local representative of the CIA. It will be recalled to Washington on July 15, following the departure of Ben Laden to Quetta.

Fifteen days later, the UAE customs stop at Dubai airport Islamist activist Franco-Algerian, Djamel Beghal. The French and American authorities are alerted. Interrogated in Abu Dhabi, Beghal says he was summoned in Afghanistan in late 2000 by Abu Zoubaida an official military organization of bin Laden's Al Qaeda. Beghal mission: to blow up the U.S. embassy in Paris.

According to Arab diplomatic sources and French intelligence, very specific information has been sent to the CIA concerning terrorist attacks on U.S. interests worldwide. A report of 7 September CSD collects data indicating that the order to act must come from Afghanistan.

In August, the United States Embassy in Paris, an emergency meeting was convened with the DGSE and the highest officials of the U.S.. Extremely worried, they present to their French counterparts inquiries very specific about Algerian activists, but did not explain the general direction of their approach. When asked "what are you afraid in the days ahead? "Americans oppose a silence hardly understandable.

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Illustration (s):

One of the last images of Osama bin Laden, captured on October 7 Al Jazeera television.
(Screenshot Le Figaro.)

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⁵ Steve Coll, *Ghost Wars: The Secret History of the CIA, Afghanistan, and Bin Laden, from the Soviet Invasion to September 10, 2001.* (2004)

► **Figure 3:** FBI's Website of "Most Wanted"

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Murder of U.S. Nationals Outside the United States; Conspiracy to Murder U.S. Nationals Outside the United States; Attack on a Federal Facility Resulting in Death

USAMA BIN LADEN

Deceased

Date of Photograph
Unknown

Multimedia: Images

Aliases:
Usama Bin Muhammad Bin Ladin, Shaykh Usama Bin Ladin, the Prince, the Emir, Abu Abdallah, Mujahid Shaykh, Hajji, the Director

DESCRIPTION

Date(s) of Birth Used:	1957	Hair:	Brown
Place of Birth:	Saudi Arabia	Eyes:	Brown
Height:	6' 4" to 6' 6"	Complexion:	Olive
Weight:	Approximately 160 pounds	Sex:	Male
Build:	Thin	Nationality:	Saudi Arabian
Occupation:	Unknown		

Scars and Marks: None known

Remarks: Bin Laden is the leader of a terrorist organization known as Al-Qaeda, "The Base". He is left-handed and walks with a cane.

CAUTION

Usama Bin Laden is wanted in connection with the August 7, 1998, bombings of the United States Embassies in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and Nairobi, Kenya. These attacks killed over 200 people. In addition, Bin Laden is a suspect in other terrorist attacks throughout the world.

REWARD

The Rewards For Justice Program, United States Department of State, is offering a reward of up to \$25 million for information leading directly to the apprehension or conviction of Usama Bin Laden. An additional \$2 million is being offered through a program developed and funded by the Airline Pilots Association and the Air Transport Association.

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2001 mid-December

An article in *Fox News* notes how *Pakistan Observer* reports bin Laden actually died from an “untreated lung complication” in mid-December 2001. (Figure 4) The same day *Fox News* prints their story on December 26, 2001, an Egyptian newspaper called *AlWafd Daily* carries a short obituary by a prominent official of the Afghan Taliban, who noted he was present at the funeral; the official said bin Laden had been buried on December 13, 2001: “Osama bin Laden suffered serious complications and died a natural, quiet death. He was buried in Tora Bora, a funeral attended by 30 al-Qa’ida fighters, close members of his family and friends from the Taliban. By the Wahhabi tradition, no mark was left on the grave.”

► Figure 4: Fox News - December 2001

The screenshot shows the Fox News website interface. At the top, there are navigation links for Fox News, Fox Business, Small Business Center, Fox News Latino, Fox News Radio, and Fox Nation. Below this is a search bar and a section for 'ON AIR NOW' featuring America Live with host Megyn Kelly. A navigation bar includes links for Home, Video, Politics, U.S., Opinion, Entertainment, SciTech, Health, and Leisure. The main content area is titled 'U.S. & World' and features a 'Report: Bin Laden Already Dead' article dated Wednesday, December 26, 2001. The article includes a 'Recommend' button, social sharing options, and a detailed report from a Taliban source.

Report: Bin Laden Already Dead
 Wednesday, December 26, 2001

FOX NEWS
 Recommend 64961 recommendations. Sign Up to see what your friends recommend.

Share: [Icons for Facebook, Twitter, etc.]

Usama bin Laden has died a peaceful death due to an untreated lung complication, the *Pakistan Observer* reported, citing a Taliban leader who allegedly attended the funeral of the Al Qaeda leader.

"The Coalition troops are engaged in a mad search operation but they would never be able to fulfill their cherished goal of getting Usama alive or dead," the source said.

Bin Laden, according to the source, was suffering from a serious lung complication and succumbed to the disease in mid-December, in the vicinity of the Tora Bora mountains. The source claimed that bin Laden was laid to rest honorably in his last abode and his grave was made as per his Wahabi belief.

About 30 close associates of bin Laden in Al Qaeda, including his most trusted and personal bodyguards, his family members and some "Taliban friends," attended the funeral rites. A volley of bullets was also fired to pay final tribute to the "great leader."

The Taliban source who claims to have seen bin Laden's face before burial said "he looked pale ... but calm, relaxed and confident."

Asked whether bin Laden had any feelings of remorse before death, the source vehemently said "no." Instead, he said, bin Laden was proud that he succeeded in his mission of igniting awareness amongst Muslims about hegemonistic designs and conspiracies of "pagans" against Islam. Bin Laden, he said, held the view that the sacrifice of a few hundred people in Afghanistan was nothing, as those who laid their lives in creating an atmosphere of resistance will be adequately rewarded by Almighty Allah.

When asked where bin Laden was buried, the source said, "I am sure that like other places in Tora Bora, that particular place too must have vanished."

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2003 February

The *BBC* reported in February 2003, that “despite an extensive military operation in Afghanistan it is still not known where he [bin Laden] is or even if he is definitely still alive.” ⁶ In addition, Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf told *CNN*: “I think now, frankly, he [bin Laden] is dead for the reason he is a kidney patient. The images of him show he is extremely weak.” ⁷

2005 April

In April 2005, the *Sydney Morning Herald* reported: “Dr. Clive Williams, Director of Terrorism Studies at the Australian National University, says documents provided by an Indian colleague suggested bin Laden died of massive organ failure in April last year. [2004] It’s hard to prove or disprove these things because there hasn’t really been anything that allows you to make a judgment one way or the other.”

CIA’s Counter Terrorism Centre created a special unit focusing specifically on bin Laden. This unit was informally called Alec Station. About 10 to 15 individuals were assigned to the unit initially and grew to about 35 to 40 by September 11, 2001. ⁸ The unit was set up “largely because of evidence linking [bin Laden] to the 1993 bombing of the WTC.” ⁹ Sources reported Alec Station was disbanded by the year 2005, presumably due to bin Laden’s death reports.

2006 September

On September 23, 2006, the French newspaper *L’Est Républicain* quoted a report from the French Secret Service - Direction générale de la sécurité extérieure (DGSE) - that bin Laden had died in Pakistan on August 23, 2006, after contracting a case of typhoid fever that paralyzed his lower limbs. According to the newspaper, Saudi Security Services first heard of bin Laden’s death on September 4, 2006. The suspected death of bin Laden was reported by the Saudi Arabian Secret Service to its government, which reported it to the French Secret Service. The French Defense Minister Michèle Alliot-Marie expressed her regret that the report had been published while French President Jacques Chirac declared that bin Laden’s death had not been confirmed. American

⁶ BBC News, “Who’s who in al-Qaeda.” Published February 19, 2003. Accessed 2011.
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/1717297.stm

⁷ Daily Mail Online, “Has Osama Bin Laden been dead for seven years - and are the U.S. and Britain covering it up to continue war on terror?” Written by Sue Reid, September 11, 2009. Accessed 2013.
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1212851/Has-Osama-Bin-Laden-dead-seven-years-U-S-Britain-covering-continue-war-terror.html>

⁸ Joint Inquiry Staff Statement, Part I: Eleanor Hill, Staff Director, Joint Inquiry Staff, September 18, 2002. Accessed 2013.
http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2002_hr/091802hill.html

⁹ Dead link: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/ac2/wp-dyn?pagename=article&node=&contentId=A61219-2001Oct2>

authorities also could not confirm reports of this death, with Secretary of State Dr. Condoleeza Rice saying only, “no comment, and no knowledge.”

2007 November

Nic Robertson from *CNN* said that he had received confirmation from an anonymous Saudi source that the Saudi Intelligence community has known for a while that bin Laden has a water-borne illness, but that he had heard no reports that it was specifically typhoid or that he had died in November 2007.

In a British interview with political interviewer David Frost taken on November 2, 2007, Pakistani politician and Pakistan Peoples Party leader Benazir Bhutto, during her answer to a question pertaining to the identities of those who had previously attempted her own assassination, named an individual called “Sheikh” as a possible suspect while referring to him as the man who murdered bin Laden.¹⁰ Despite the weight of such a statement, neither Benazir Bhutto nor David Frost attempted to clarify it during the remainder of the interview. The *BBC* drew criticism when it rebroadcasted the Frost/Bhutto interview on its Website, but edited out Benazir Bhutto’s statement regarding bin Laden’s suspected assassination. Later, the *BBC* apologized and replaced the edited version with the complete interview.

On December 27, 2007, less than two months after Benazir Bhutto’s interview with David Frost, she was assassinated while leaving a campaign rally for the PPP at Liaquat National Bagh, where she had given a spirited address to party supporters in the run-up to the January 2008 parliamentary elections. After entering her bulletproof vehicle, Benazir Bhutto stood up through its sunroof to wave to the crowds. At this point, a gunman fired shots at her and subsequently explosives were detonated near the vehicle killing approximately 20 people. Benazir Bhutto was critically wounded and was rushed to Rawalpindi General Hospital. She was taken into surgery at 17:35 local time, and pronounced dead at 18:16.

2008 June

An article in *Time*, entitled “Is Osama bin Laden Dying . . . Again?” by Massimo Calabresi, is interesting to read.¹¹

¹⁰ (a) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5F1dSY4d5b8>; (b) http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JLU4_Ycq_xk

¹¹ *Time* Online, “Is Osama bin Laden Dying ... Again?” By Massimo Calabresi / Washington Monday, June 30, 2008. Accessed 2010. <http://www.time.com/time/nation/article/0,8599,1819280,00.html#ixzz1NQHsnLfQ>

2009 March

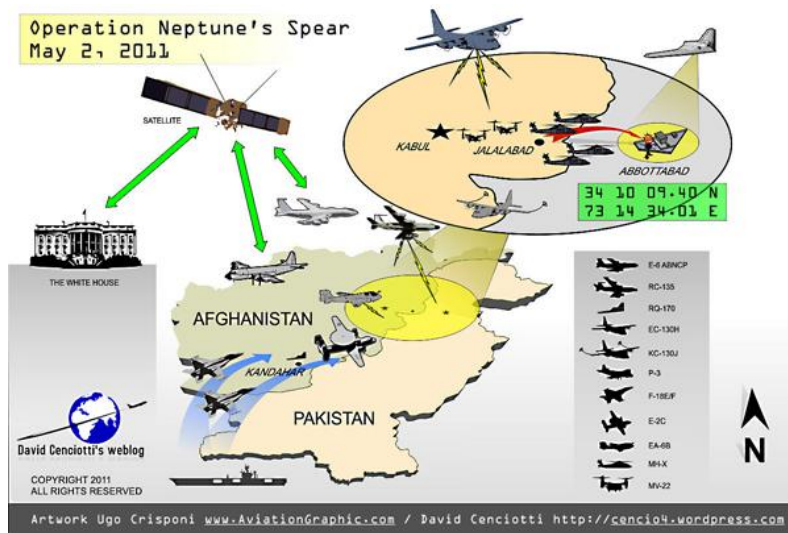
In an essay published in *The American Spectator*, an international relations professor, Angelo Codevilla of Boston University, in March 2009, argued that bin Laden had been dead for many years.

2009 April

During an interview with *The Telegraph*, Pakistan's President Asif Ali Zardari in April 2009 raised the prospect that bin Laden could be dead. He later stated intelligence officials could find "no trace of the al-Qa'ida chief." Zardari's predecessor, Pervez Musharraf, similarly suggested that the "Saudi terror chief could be dead." By October 2009, the Pakistan Intelligence Agency also believed bin Laden may be dead by this time. An article in the British tabloid *Daily Mail* pointed out that the theory bin Laden died in 2001, which was reported by *Fox News* (Figure 4) "is gaining credence among political commentators, respected academics and even terror experts," and notes that the mounting evidence that supports the claim makes the theory "worthy of examination."¹²

2011 May

Figure 5: Operation Neptune's Spear



In an operation entitled "Operation Neptune's Spear" (Figure 5) conducted in May 2011, bin Laden is now presumed to have finally been killed on May 1, 2011, by U.S. forces in Pakistan; "a small team of Americans carried out the operation," President Obama said. "After a fire fight, they killed Usama bin Laden and took custody of his body." DNA testing confirmed that it was the

terrorist leader, sources told *ABC News*.

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¹² Daily Mail Online, "Has Osama Bin Laden been dead for seven years - and are the U.S. and Britain covering it up to continue war on terror?" Written by Sue Reid, September 11, 2009. Accessed 2013. <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1212851/Has-Osama-Bin-Laden-dead-seven-years-U-S-Britain-covering-continue-war-terror.html>

2011 July

An article on July 2011 noted how the “CIA organized fake vaccination drive to get Osama bin Laden’s family DNA” and Senior Pakistani doctor who organized vaccine program in Abbottabad arrested by ISI for working with U.S. agents. The article was written by Saeed Shah in Abbottabad.¹³

“We have accurate information that bin Laden died of illness some time ago. If the U.S. military and intelligence apparatus have really arrested or killed bin Laden, why don’t they show him (his dead body) why have they thrown his corpse into the sea?”

Iran’s Intelligence Minister Heidar Moslehi | PRESSTV May 8, 2011

“No one will remember that Fox News reported in December 2001 [Figure 4] that Usama bin Laden had passed away from his illnesses. If bin Laden beat all odds and managed to live another decade to await, unarmed and undefended, the arrival of the Navy SEALs last week [May 2011] how it is possible that the ‘terror mastermind,’ who defeated not merely the CIA and FBI, but all 16 U.S. intelligence agencies along with those of America’s European allies and Israel, the National Security Council, the Pentagon, NORAD, Air Traffic Control, airport security four times on the same morning, etc. etc., never enjoyed another success, not even a little, very minor one? What was the ‘terror mastermind’ doing for a decade after 9/11?”

Paul C. Roberts

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury under Ronald Reagan

Co-founder of Reaganomics, former editor for *Wall Street Journal*

An article in *The Guardian* printed on August 30, 2013, reported that “all videos and photographs taken during the raid on bin Laden’s compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan, the death certificate and other records related to the mission,” and in response to a March 2012 release of those files, “the defense department said it could not locate any of the files.”¹⁴

¹³ The Guardian, “CIA fake vaccinations osama bin laden’s dna.” July 2011. Accessed 2013.
<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2011/jul/11/cia-fake-vaccinations-osama-bin-ladens-dna>

¹⁴ The Guardian, “US analysed bin Laden dna,” August 30, 2013. Accessed 2013.
<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/aug/30/us-analysed-bin-laden-dna>

Court rules bin Laden death photos can stay secret

Tue, May 21 2013

By David Ingram

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - A federal appeals court ruled on Tuesday that the U.S. government had properly classified top secret more than 50 images of al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden taken after his death, and that the government did not need to release them.

The unanimous ruling by three judges on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit rejected a request for the images by a conservative nonprofit watchdog group.

Judicial Watch sued for photographs and video from the May 2011 raid in which U.S. special forces killed bin Laden in Abbottabad, Pakistan, after more than a decade of searching.

The organization's lawsuit relied on the Freedom of Information Act, a 1966 law that guarantees public access to some government documents.

In an unsigned opinion, the appeals court accepted an assertion from President Barack Obama's administration that the images are so potent that releasing them could cause riots that would put Americans abroad at risk.

"It is undisputed that the government is withholding the images not to shield wrongdoing or avoid embarrassment, but rather to prevent the killing of Americans and violence against American interests," the opinion said.

The court ruled that the risk of violence justifies the decision to classify the images top secret, and that the CIA may withhold the images under an exception to the Freedom of Information Act for documents that are classified.

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton said in a statement that the ruling "would allow terrorists to dictate our laws." Fitton said his lawyers are considering what to do next. The group could ask the U.S. Supreme Court to hear the case.

A spokeswoman for the Justice Department, which represents the Obama administration in court, had no immediate comment.

The images show a dead bin Laden at his compound in Pakistan, the transportation of his body to a U.S. ship and his burial at sea, the government has said.

Some of the photographs were taken so the CIA could conduct facial recognition analysis to confirm the body's identity, according to court papers.

The case is Judicial Watch Inc v. U.S. Department of Defense and CIA, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, No. 12-5137.

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According to the above article released by Reuters, no official photos of the suspected assassinated body of bin Laden have or will ever be released to the public. If this is true, then it would mean that the following images (Figures 6-7) that circulated are doubtful; specifically, the following images that came from "SABAH ARAR/AFP/Getty Images" and was shown in Baghdad on a news broadcast on Arabic satellite news channel (al-Arabiya) after the U.S. announced their forces had "killed" bin Laden. It has never been revealed why al-Arabiya -the Arabic satellite news channel- presented these images, and/or who gave the images to the channel.

Figure 6: Image from Arabic satellite news channel al-Arabiya




Figure 7: Suspected image of bin Laden "dead" on al-Arabiya channel

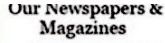


Osama bin Laden has never been officially charged by the FBI for the attacks of September 11, 2001; the case dismissed against him -summer of 2011- was partially made clear to have been for the 1993 and 1998 attacks, but never for the crime committed on 9/11.


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US judge dismisses charges against bin Laden

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Following death of al-Qaida leader, United States judge declare 13-year court case against bin Laden, mastermind of 9/11 attacks, closed.

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NEW YORK - A US judge on Friday dismissed all criminal charges against Osama bin Laden following the [al-Qaida leader's death](#), closing a 13-year court case against the mastermind of the September 11 attacks.

US [District](#) Court judge Lewis Kaplan, who presided over the bin Laden case in Manhattan federal court, issued an order called "nolle prosequi," which means do not prosecute in Latin, a typical legal move once a [defendant](#) is deceased.

The [court order](#) came six weeks after [US commandos killed bin Laden](#) at his hideout in a compound in the military garrison town of Abbottabad, just north of Islamabad, Pakistan. US prosecutors in New York began prosecuting him in June 1998.

In a dozen indictments, prosecutors accused bin Laden of repeated actions against the United States that included prompting Somali tribesmen to attack US military personnel in Mogadishu in 1993 and the 1998 [car](#) bomb attacks on U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania that killed 224 people.


Bin Laden was never formally charged with the Sept 11, 2001 attacks that killed almost 3,000 people and put the United States on a decade-long war footing with militants.

The judge's order was issued following a formal request by the US Justice Department to dismiss charges against bin Laden.

The request included an affidavit by a senior justice department official describing the May 1 military raid on bin Laden's hideout. The affidavit, dated June 16, said that bin Laden's death was confirmed by DNA testing. It also said one of bin Laden's wives identified the corpse as her husband's.



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“9/11 is not mentioned on Osama Bin Laden’s “Most Wanted” page. He has not been formally indicted and charged in connection with 9/11 because the FBI has no hard evidence connecting bin Laden to 9/11.”

FBI Agent Rex Tomb | June 6, 2006

“We’ve never made the case, or argued the case that somehow Osama bin Laden was directly involved in 9/11. That evidence has never been forthcoming.”

Former Vice-President Richard Cheney interviewed by Tony Snow

| March 29, 2006 ¹⁵

“Make no mistake; the United States will hunt down and punish those responsible for these cowardly acts.”

Former President George W. Bush from Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana

| September 11, 2001

¹⁵ WhiteHouse News Release, 2006. Accessed 2013.
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Despite the jubilation (mostly) worldwide over the death of Osama bin Laden, the biggest enemy so far this century, it's easy to forget the historic coincidence of the death of the biggest mass murderer of the previous century.

On May 1, 1945, Germany announced that Adolf Hitler was dead, leading to the end of the allied campaign in Europe during World War II. That same date 66 years later, President Obama announced the death of the al-Qaeda leader and international terrorist.

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